



HQ AFCEA COMPETITIVE SOURCING NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2003

FUNCTIONAL AREA STAFF (FAS) UPDATE

In response to Senior Leaders Meeting action item, SLM 02-12, AFCEA is completing its review of all Civil Engineer Squadron activities to determine which are inherently governmental and which are commercial. As part of the evaluation process, a FAS Working Group met in February in Atlanta to begin process. The Group again met via VTC 30 May 03 to finalize the Engineering Flight.

Since then HQ AFCEA evaluated activities in the remaining flights with a focus on activities that approve and obligate the government to a certain course of action. The final package will be sent to FAS Working Group members for review. The FAS Working Group will then have a follow-up meeting to finalize the Flights prior to sending it to all MAJCOMs for review and staffing.

REAL PROPERTY TASK ORDER AND STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

HQ AFCEA awarded a contract through GSA that will allow bases to update their real property records. The purpose of the contract is to perform an in-depth base-wide survey of base facilities; provide field validation of the real property inventory; validate the inventory; update drawings; outline any changes, additions or disposals building; identify total space

usage of buildings; recommend new change of category codes; and determine the condition of the facility based on Air Force standards. To issue a task order under this BPA, use the SOW template, estimated price schedule, and instructions on the AFCEA web site listed below:

<http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Contracts/Outsourcing/RPTask.htm>.

MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING STATEMENT OF WORK

The Military Family Housing Statement of Work is currently being reviewed and staffed by HQ USAF/ILEH. As soon HQ AFCEA receives the revisions, the SOW will be finalized and placed on the AFCEA web site at: <http://www.afcesa.af.mil/Directorate/CEO/Contracts/Outsourcing>.

A-76 UPDATE

Air Force Manpower is awaiting guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) on how to proceed in implementing OMB Circular A-76. OSD revised its guidance and is staffing it through OSD legal channels. As soon as this review is finished, OSD guidance will be published and the Air Force will finalize its revisions to AFI 38-203.

On 15 August 2003, OMB released a technical correction to OMB Circular A-76 to clarify challenges to the FAIR ACT

Inventory. The modified document can be found at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html>

The correction reads:

Technical Correction to OMB Circular No. A-76 (Revised, May 29, 2003)

1. Paragraph D.2. of Attachment A to Circular No. A-76 is revised to read as follows:

"2. Submission of an Inventory Challenge. After publication of OMB's *Federal Register* notice stating that an agency's inventories are available, an interested party shall have 30 working days to submit a written inventory challenge. The inventory challenge shall be limited to (a) the classification of an activity as inherently governmental or commercial, or (b) the application of reason codes. Function codes shall not be subject to the inventory challenge process. A written inventory challenge shall be submitted to agency inventory challenge authorities and shall specify the agency, agency component, agency organization, function(s), and location(s) for the activities being challenged."

ASSISTANCE

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- Assisting in developing acquisition strategies.
- Providing guidance on new acquisition procedures.
- Reviewing statements of work, quality assurance plans, and management plans.
- Maintaining a repository of lessons learned from CE activities.
- Providing assistance on reengineering/manpower standards development efforts.